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SUBJECT: (U) Exploitation of Foreign Space Material

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TO: Chairman
United States Intelligence Board

1. References:

a. National Aeronautics and Space Council Memorandum, dated 22 Oct 1962, subject: Fragments of Spacecraft.

b. Director of Defense Research and Engineering Memorandum, dated 24 Oct 1962, subject: Assignment of Responsibilities for Return of Fragments of Space Vehicles to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

c. The National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 2, revised 18 Jan 1961.

d. The National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 3, revised 18 Jan 1961.

2. (C) By reference in paragraph 1a above (Atch 1), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration proposes to be designated as the government agency responsible for receiving, analyzing and identifying any fragments or suspected fragments of space vehicles of all types, including the contents thereof, which fall upon the territory of the United States or otherwise come into its possession. NASA further proposes, in respect to those fragments identified as coming from vehicles launched by foreign countries, to retain such fragments pending arrangements for their return to the launching country, or other disposition.

3. (U) By reference noted in paragraph 1b above (Atch 2), this proposal on the part of NASA has come to the attention of the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

4. (C) NASA indicates, by reference 1a above, that their proposal to assume these responsibilities will be coordinated with the staff of the National Security Council. It should be noted that the proposal is not in consonance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of NSCID No. 2 and paragraphs 7b and c of NSCID No. 3. It is requested that the Board consider the implications of the NASA proposal at an early date and provide its position thereon to the National Security Council for consideration when it acts on the NASA proposal.

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5. (S) The Defense Intelligence Agency considers debris from the space activities of foreign nations as potential intelligence material of a scientific and technical category. Analysis of such fragments provides unique opportunities to obtain intelligence concerning foreign space technology and foreign military activities in space. It is the position of the Defense Intelligence Agency that the Department of Defense retain responsibility for technical analysis of foreign space fragments and that such fragments received by NASA be turned over initially to DOD for analysis.

WILLIAM W. QUINN
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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1. (C) Memo fr NASC, 22Oct62, w/Atchs
2. (U) Memo fr DDR&E, 24Oct62

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ATTACHMENT B

GUIDELINES FOR INTERAGENCY HANDLING OF SPACE VEHICLE FRAGMENTS

1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is designated as the agency responsible for receiving, analyzing, and identifying any fragments, or suspected fragments of space vehicles of all types, including the contents thereof, which fall upon the territory of the United States or which otherwise come into its possession.

2. NASA will turn over to the Department of Defense as expeditiously as possible fragments which are readily identifiable as coming from space vehicles launched by the Department of Defense.

3. Fragments identified as coming from vehicles launched by foreign countries will be retained by NASA pending final arrangements for their return to the launching country, or other disposition.

4. All other fragments will be retained by NASA pending agreement as to disposition.

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5. The Department of Defense will notify NASA when deorbits are expected and when collection teams have been alerted to obtain the deorbiting fragments. DOD will also inform NASA of the results of such collection efforts whether successful or not. Any such objects obtained are to be returned initially to NASA. Subsequent handling will be in accordance with existing intelligence collection procedures.

6. In accordance with its statutory responsibility, the Atomic Energy Commission will participate in the analysis of fragments of space vehicles which have utilized or transported, or are suspected of having utilized or transported, radioactive materials, as well as taking responsibility for the radioactive materials themselves.

7. NASA may continue to use the Smithsonian Institution for collection and analysis of fragments by contractual arrangement, and may also make appropriate arrangements for assistance with private agencies.

8. Upon completion of technical analysis, the State Department will provide policy guidance to NASA with respect to the return of vehicle fragments to the country where such fragments were recovered or to the country responsible for launching the original vehicle.

9. NASA will serve as the focal point for the release of public information on such fragments.

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ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSED PUBLIC STATEMENT ON HANDLING OF SPACE VEHICLE FRAGMENTS

October 18, 1962

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is designated as the Government agency responsible for receiving, analyzing, and identifying any fragments or suspected fragments of space vehicles of all types, including the contents thereof, which fall upon the territory of the United States or which otherwise come into its possession.

Fragments identified as coming from vehicles launched by foreign countries will be retained by NASA pending final arrangements for their return to the launching country.

In performing these functions, NASA will coordinate fully with other Government agencies.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COUNCIL

October 22, 1962

MEMORANDUM TO:

Mr. Howard Brown	(AEC)
Dr. F. O. Schuette	(DOD)
Mr. Leon Ulman	(Justice)
Mr. Marvin Robinson	(NASA)
Mr. Robert Packard	(State)

Subject: Fragments of Spacecraft

In our interagency meeting of October 17, it was agreed that the Council staff would incorporate the suggestions, developed at the meeting, into two papers. These draft papers are attached. One is intended for consideration as a public release, and the other as a paper of intra-governmental understanding.

It would be appreciated if the two papers would be examined carefully and would be returned to me by October 29 with suggested improvements noted thereon. If there are suggestions of major significance, another meeting will be called to discuss them. If the suggestions are relatively minor, they will be appropriately incorporated and the papers will then be returned for concurrence. These actions will also be coordinated with the staff of the National Security Council.

E. C. Welsh

Attachments

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR, ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PA)
GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Assignment of Responsibilities for Return of Fragments of Space Vehicles to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The National Aeronautics and Space Council has been asked to approve the designation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as the government agency responsible for obtaining, analyzing, and identifying any fragments or suspected fragments from space vehicles of all types which fall upon the territory of the United States or otherwise come into our possession. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will turn over to other government agencies as expeditiously as possible fragments readily identifiable as coming from space vehicles launched by the Department of Defense.

In performing these functions, it is understood that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will coordinate fully with other government agencies.

Dr. Oswald F. Schuette, in the Office of the Special Assistant for Space, ODDR&E, Room 3E153, Ext. 72467, has been designated as the Department of Defense representative to discuss this matter with the Space Council staff. You are requested to provide him with your views on this matter prior to October 29, 1962.

SIGNED
JOHN H. RUBEL

for Harold Brown

SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATED BY:
E. B. Fenn

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Remarks:

The attached DIA memorandum is being circulated to USIB members only for informational purposes at this time.

I am proposing to Dr. Wheelon that GMAIC prepare a coordinated recommendation on the matter for USIB consideration at an early date.

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